## HIGH COURT OF NEW ZEALAND



## TE KŌTI MATUA O AOTEAROA

19 August 2014

Mr Chris Scaife
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Dear Mr Scaife

## **ESTATE OF PAULINE SCAIFE**

I understand you have recently written to, and had a response from Hon Chester Borrows, Minister for Courts. He has referred this matter to my Manager, Paula Tesoriero, who has asked me to respond directly to you.

The matter concerns the will of your late mother which she handwrote herself and without the benefit of legal advice. An application prepared and filed by your solicitor for a grant of administration to yourself, and your brother Jan-Marc Servaas Scaife, could not be granted due to the number of complex matters that need to be resolved as well as further evidence required, before a grant can be made.

Mr McDonald of Cruikshank Pryde, acting for you and your brother, was informed of these requirements, and it was expected that he could attend to these matters and the application would then be granted. However, he subsequently filed a request to the court that the application be withdrawn, because your brother Jan-Marc Servaas Scaife had requested this.

As the Registrar, acting on this request, I withdrew the application which means that application is at an end. However, this does not mean that a further application cannot be filed. When you submitted documents for filing in March this year, you were told by Sarah Simpson (who has since left) why the documents were unable to be accepted for filing. In her letter of 31 March 2014, she advised you of what was required in order for the documents to be accepted, including suggesting that you seek legal advice.

A further complicating factor in this matter is that a Robin Scaife has filed a caveat which prevents a grant of administration of your mother's will being made without the need for a hearing before a Judge. For this to occur, precise documentation will need to be filed.

Given the complexities of this matter, I would recommend that you obtain legal assistance to enable the matter to be progressed for you.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Jane Penney

Court Manager and Registrar

High Court Wellington